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²⁹
~~28~~ (twice amended)

CJ The hinged window assembly of claim [20] ²⁰~~21~~ wherein said latch mount base has at least one projection for spacing said latch mount base from said opaque coating, said adhesive between said opaque coating and said latch mount base having a thickness defined by said projection.

In addition, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner revise the numbering of the claims since claims 21-27 are no longer dependent on claim 19. Rather, claims 2-19 should be numbered 1-18 while claims 20-32 should be numbered 19-31, respectively.

REMARKS

Review of the claims following receipt of the Notice of Allowance indicates that the dependencies of claims 21 and 28 require correction so that they properly depend from independent claim 20. In addition, an adjustment to the language of claim 21 is necessary for proper antecedent reference to language in claim 20.

More specifically, in claim 20, the dependency has been amended from dependent claim 19 to independent claim 20 which was originally intended by Applicants herein. In addition, the second line claim 21 has been amended to refer to "said latch mounting area" in order to provide proper antecedent reference to such language in claim 20.

In claim 28, the dependency has been changed from claim 20 to claim 21 to provide proper antecedent reference for the remainder of the claim since claim 28 includes reference to "said opaque coating" which is included in claim 21.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested for proper reference to antecedent language in claims 20 and 21.

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Since the present amendments relate to matters of form, and do not require any further search on the part of the Examiner, they are respectfully submitted to be proper for entry and such entry is requested along with a Notice of Approval of the amendments.

In view of the above amendments, renumbering of the claims included in the issued patent is respectfully requested so that all claims now dependent from the respective independent claims follow after the independent claims. Specifically, claims 2-19 should be renumbered 1-18 while claims 20-32 should be renumbered 19-31, respectively, with appropriate changes in their dependencies.

Respectfully submitted,

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